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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN SFCP- POTENTIAL TRAVEL OF FOUR POLISH
SCIENTISTS TO ATHENS

REF: (A) STATE 79803; (B) WARSAW 2058

1. PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS INDICATE LIKELIHOOD ALL FOUR
SCIENTISTS NAMED MAY BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN ATHENS
SYMPOSIUM. REF. B GIVES SITUATION WITH REGARD TO ZIELINSKI
WHO IS NOW IN WEST GERMANY, AND REQUESTS SMITHSONIAN TO APPROVE
SLIGHT ADDITIONAL COST OF HIS TRAVEL FROM THERE.

2. THE OTHER THREE SCIENTISTS CONCERNED (KOLACZEK, SLESZINSKI,
DOBACZEWSKA) HAD ALREADY INITIATED EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDS
FROM POLISH SOURCES, WITH VARYING SUCCESS.

3. DOBACZEWSKA SAYS SHE HAS PER DIEM FROM COSPAR
FOR SEVEN DAYS, BUT NOW IS NOT SURE SHE COULD
GET AIR TICKET. SHE ALSO POINTS OUT, AS INDICATED IN
REF. B, THAT THE SYMPOSIUM IS SCHEDULED TO LAST TEN DAYS,
NOT SEVEN. AS AUTHORIZED IN REF. A WE HAVE, THEREFORE,
WRITTEN TO POLISH ACADEMY OFFERING TRAVEL PLUS ADDITIONAL
THREE DAYS PER DIEM FOR HER.

4. SAME LETTER ALSO OFFERS AIR TICKET FOR ZIELINSKI FROM
DARMSTADT, SUBJECT TO SMI APPROVAL ADDITIONAL COST, AND
TOUCHES ON PROBLEMS OF PER DIEM CONVERSION, WITH SOLICITATION
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FOR POLISH ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING PER DIEM FROM POLISH SOURCE. AT SAME TIME IT MIGHT BE USEFUL IF SMITHSONIAN WERE PREPARED TO MAKE SMALL ALLOTMENT FROM DOLLAR APPROPRIATIONS SOURCE; WE THINK CHANCES OF ZIELINSKI GETTING POLISH- PAID PER DIEM ARE SMALL. THUS IF HE ACCEPTS TICKET BUT CANNOT COME WARSAW TO COLLECT PER DIEM IN ADVANCE, HE WILL PROBABLY PLAN USE PERSONAL FUNDS FOR ATHENS COSTS. ONE HUNDRED OR ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS. IF SMI COULD MAKE THEM AVAILABLE, WOULD PROBABLY MAKE THE DIFFERENCE AS TO WHETHER HE COULD GO OR NOT.

5. KOLACZEK INFORMS US SHE AND SLESZINSKI HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO ATTEND SYMPOSIUM, BUT EXPECT IT BY END OF THIS WEEK. SHE ANTICIPATES THAT GOP WILL BUY THEIR TICKETS BUT INSIST THEY PAY ATHENS ROOM AND BOARD COSTS OUT OF OWN POCKETS. THUS WE ARE HOLDING OFF ON PRESENTING OFFICIAL INVITATION UNTIL DETAILS OF POLISH SUPPORT BECOME CLEARER, BUT IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT SMI WILL BE ASKED TO PAY ONLY FOR THEIR PER DIEM.

6. SINCE OVERALL COSTS ARE THUS LIKELY TO BE LESS THAN TOTAL ORIGINALLY BUDGETED BY SMI, EMBASSY WISHES TO SUGGEST NUMBER OF DAYS PER DIEM MIGHT BE UPPED TO COVER ENTIRE TEN- DAY PERIOD OF SYMPOSIUM, IF INDEED DOBACZEWSKA IS CORRECT. ADVISE.
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